Council Proceedings.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, August 16, 1886.

The City Council met at the customary time, there being present:—His Worship Mayor Hodgens (in the chair), Ald. Taylor, Davis, McDonald, Browne, Hook, Stringer, Dawson, Garrett, Heaman, Bartlett, Hiscox, Boyd, O'Meara.

Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

COMMUNICATIONS READ.

From Dr. O'Rielly, Government Inspector, acknowledging receipt of resolution *re* London Hospital investigation, and stating that he will be glad to receive in specific form any charges made against those connected with the management of the Hospital so he may have some definite information.

From Joseph Broadbent—For valuation of Bishop's palace and attendance at court, an account of $14. No. 1

From George Cox—Giving notice that his property, on Oxford street, will be seriously injured by the railway crossing the lane in the rear of his property, and that he shall demand reasonable compensation for such damage. No. 1

From Parke, Mills & Purdom, on behalf of the London and Petrolia Barrel Company—Stating their belief that in 1885 they were granted exemption from taxes for five years, and that the company erected their works here on that faith, also asking that the matter be brought to the attention of the Council. No. 1.

From Dr. Jackson—Against assessment for dog tax, on the ground of having no dog. No. 1.

From W. W. Fitzgerald—For free use of City Hall on 17th inst. for annual meeting of I.O.F. Granted on payment of current expenses.

From W. Brown—Against assessment for dog tax, on the ground of having no dog. No. 1.

From W. Brown—For construction of a sidewalk on Burwell street. No. 2.

From Mrs. Ann Brandon, widow—For remission of a portion of her taxes. No. 1

From D. H. Tennent, on behalf of James Milne—Asking for reduction of taxes on certain property in No. 5 Ward, on the ground that it has been untenanted, also that one house was burnt in 1884, and that the assessment is still the same as if all the houses had remained and had been tenanted.

A communication was read from St. George's Society, asking for the free use of the City Hall on the 27th and 28th inst., day and evening. Granted.

His Worship said he had spoken to Dr. Belton in his chamber on the 12th, and they could find the minutes entered in presence of Mr. Abbott, who read as follows:

Mayor's Chamber, 12th August, 1886.

Before His Worship the Mayor, Dr. Belton being present:—

To Mr. Belton—Have you purchased goods from a contractor for your own use, and had the same charged under a different heading in the city accounts?

A.—I have purchased from several contractors. I purchased the article called Teaberry, which was entered as chalk powder—which it is. I purchased some perfume last spring at the Hospital entertainment, which may have been entered under its Latin name to prevent any remarks by the committee. This was on the 30th of June I think. That is all I can remember.

Q.—Are you in the habit of purchasing goods for the Hospital—all goods required?

A.—Yes.

Q.—By what authority has Dr. Arnott purchased goods for the Hospital?

A.—By order of the Chairman, viz.:—One of Mackintosh's supporters. Dr. Niven purchased sponges and catgut ligature without authority. They were used in the Hospital, but I did not receive them. They were billed in the Hospital account, and I refused to certify for them. Dr. Niven told me he purchased on his own responsibility. After my refusal to certify to the items, I directed the account to be sent to Dr. Niven. The items are now entered in the Hospital account at a reduced price, marked "per Dr. Niven." I told Mr. McCallum to so enter it.

Q.—Did you say if Dr. Niven had given evi-